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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 11-22-66

FROM : R. E. Wick

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
11-22-63
CRITICISM REGARDING WARREN COMMISSION FINDINGS

Per Mr. Tolson's instructions, the proposed statement for the Director to furnish to Sidney Epstein, City Editor of "The Evening Star," has been rewritten, shortened, and made more direct. This proposed statement is enclosed, along with a letter which Epstein has agreed to formally prepare, sign, and send to the Director and a response to Epstein's letter enclosing the statement.

In preparing this statement the various books, articles, and comments by Warren Commission critics, as well as the article in the current issue of "Life" magazine, and the statements of Senator Richard B. Russell (D - Georgia), a member of the Warren Commission, and former White House press aide Malcolm M. Kilduff reported in today's (11-22-66) issue of "The Washington Post," have been taken into consideration. The proposed statement has been prepared in the Crime Records Division in conjunction with personnel in the General Investigative Division and Special Agent Robert E. Lenihan of the Domestic Intelligence Division.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the enclosed draft of the letter to be sent by Sidney Epstein to the Director be approved and furnished to Epstein.

2. That the enclosed letter to Epstein, along with the statement to be enclosed with it, be approved.

3. That the statement be cleared with the Department of Justice and shown to Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas, who has discussed the possibility of such a statement with Mr. DeLoach, prior to its release to Epstein.

Enclosures (3)

1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enc.
1 - Mr. Mohr - Enc.
1 - Mr. Wick - Enc.
1 - Mr. Conrad - Enc.
1 - Mr. Rosen - Enc.
1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enc.
1 - Miss Gandy - Enc.
1 - Miss Holmes - Enc.

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